

Emmett Jordan Gets Top Vote; Council Geographically Diverse

by Amy Hansen

Table with 9 columns: Candidate, Precinct 3, Precinct 6, Precinct 8, Precinct 13, Precinct 18, Early Voting, Mail-in, Total Votes. Rows include Emmett V. Jordan, Kristen L.K. Weaver, Judith F. Davis, Silke I. Pope, Brandon Ric Gordon, Colin A. Byrd, Rodney M. Roberts, Matthew A. Inzeo, Alexander J. Zajac, William A. Orleans, Write-In, and Total Votes Cast.

Greenbelt voters chose Emmett Jordan for the position of mayor after a long election season that ended on November 2. Furthermore, the 2,675 participating voters chose a city council that is the most geographically diverse council ever elected. Three members are from Greenbelt East, two members from Greenbelt West and two from Greenbelt Center. Voters re-elected Emmett Jordan, Colin Byrd, Judith Davis, Silke Pope and Rodney Roberts with Jordan gaining the highest number of votes making him the likely new mayor. It added new members Ric Gordon and Kristen Weaver. Weaver, who got the second highest tally, is in line to be mayor pro tem. But no one knew that at 11:30 p.m. The election watch is held in Greenbelt Fire Station where four



Emmett Jordan and Kristen Weaver

television sets were tuned to the city's closed-circuit station. For hours, candidates, supporters and

curious citizens watched the city staff count and recount the ballots, but no one knew the results. Some candidates and supporters left, willing to find out the results in the morning. Finally, at 11:45, the city posted the results. People gathered around the screens and saw ... a blurry image. Candidates and volunteers yanked out their phones and looked at the twitter post, which was clear, if small. People peered onto cell-screens. "Congratulations!" could be heard but still not easily verified. Within a few minutes, city staff posted a better image and the results were obvious.

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What Goes On
Monday, November 8 7:30 p.m. Charter Meeting for Swearing-in of 44th City Council
Wednesday, November 10 8 p.m. Worksession: Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation
All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

Referendum to Study Reparations Passes
Voters passed the referendum that will direct the city council to create a 21-person commission to study the issue of reparations for both African Americans and Native Americans in the city, and make recommendations to council. The question passed with a vote of 1,522 in favor and 910 against. The newly elected councilmembers took a moment to cheer for the passage during the late-night election-watch event on November 2.

In-person Voting Held Tuesday For City Council Elections

by Shannon Clark

After months of campaigning and city council forums, Greenbelt residents had the opportunity to vote in person on Tuesday, November 2, for the 2021 to 2023 Greenbelt City Council. The five precinct locations in town - the Community Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, the Greenbelt Police Department, Greenbriar Community Building and Schrom Hills Park - opened to voters at 7 a.m. Individual candidate signs lined the streets near the precinct locations, and "vote here" signs were posted along walkways. In 2019, according to the City of Greenbelt, 1,713 Greenbelters

voted in person, while 467 people opted for early and absentee voting. This year, some Greenbelters experienced issues with mail-in voting, with some receiving their ballots late last week. "There was a problem with the vendor. They didn't have the right list or they didn't have a complete list," said Judith Davis, city council candidate. "But I know that anybody that comes in [to vote], they've been trying to rectify that. They were saying that they can't vote, but now they are making sure that they can." This year's in-person voting

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Greenbelt's Annual Utopia Film Festival to Open November 20

by Susan Gervasi

With a focus on safety, Greenbelt's Utopia Film Festival returns for its 17th year on Saturday, November 20 through Monday, November 22. This year the festival will offer 35 independent films. "This year's festival has been significantly more challenging to plan," said Utopia Executive Director Chris Haley, whose committee met online through Zoom to organize. "We had to consider Covid safety concerns. We want our filmmakers and patrons to be able to enjoy this year's event and future ones also." Utopia 2021, a project of Greenbelt Access Television, will screen films at the Old Greenbelt Theatre (129 Centerway) and the

New Deal Café (113 Centerway). Both venues will require masks, proof of vaccination or a recent negative Covid-19 test and a photo ID. Seating is limited, so planners suggest purchasing tickets in advance through the festival website, utopiafilmfestival.org. "One thing that didn't change this year is the quality of the films we received," added Haley. "The challenging subjects and technical skills many of our films exhibit is a testament to the equipment and expertise now more affordable for all levels of moviemakers despite limited budgets." Utopia 2021 will offer films See UTOPIA, page 10

"That Could Have Been Bad" Orienteering for Challenge, Fun

by Kyla Hanington

Why is it that the most out-of-shape person in Greenbelt insists on doing so many outdoor activities? This is what I thought to myself as I lay on my bed for five straight hours Sunday afternoon, unable to move, staring mournfully at the ceiling. Occasionally I'd yell for Dan, saying things like "errrgghhhh" and "uggggggh," because is it really suffering if you don't have someone to share it with? When the Greenbelt News Review suggested I try orienteering for an article, I jumped at the chance. I mean basically orienteering is wandering around

in the woods, pretending you understand your compass, hoping you won't die, and I do that pretty much every day of my life. Doing it yet again for the News Review seemed a natural fit. Plus, I had totally orienteered before, back when I was in fifth grade and the teacher gave us all compasses and maps and had us run around the field for 30 minutes one afternoon. Surely the skills learned on the completely flat, barren field behind Parkview Elementary School in Sicamous, British Columbia, 35 years ago See ORIENTEERING, page 10

Image of two children in costumes (Woody and Barbie) with a caption: Three-year-old Karson and two-year-old Kyndall participate in Trunk-or-Treat at Beltway Plaza. See more pictures, p. 8.



# Letters to the Editor

## Finds No Fair Play In Editorial Changes

The News Review editorial on October 21, 2021, said that they stand by their making edits in (removing) Rodney Roberts' words in his GNR question in 2019 in the interest of fair play. The News Review stated, "We feel strongly about fair play in what we publish in the News Review." What makes the News Review staff the supreme judge of what is fair play? The editing, however minor, that took place was anything but fair play. Fair play is not removing or changing some of someone's words but rather including everything they say. It is not a newspaper's job to be guided by their feelings but rather by objective reporting standards. Reporting facts as they are and quoting people exactly as they say something is what I trust a newspaper to do. I appreciate all of the faithful volunteers that help get the News Review out every week and I love reading it. However, it is an overreach of the task before you to change up text as you see fit. Making excuses for taking liberties that are not yours, as the News Review has done on other occasions, is troubling and undermines my trust in your capability to dispense news in an unbiased manner. It makes me wonder what else you change in the interest of "fair play."

Dawn Warner

## Grateful for Fitness Center Precautions

I am very grateful for the public health precautions enacted by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, and specifically for those at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center.

I want to live in a community that respects the needs of persons with a broad range of abilities and health statuses. I want to live in a community that thinks carefully about what airborne transmission of disease means and cares about simple things such as

how we can safely maintain social distancing, as well as benefit from the marvelous recreational resources available to us here in Greenbelt. The staff at GAFC are doing just that in reducing places within the facility where people gather and come close to one another.

In autumn, with the patterns of the pandemic rising in the autumn/winter over the last two years, with breakthrough cases of Covid even for those of us who are vaccinated, it is not a time to relax our care and concern for each other. Let us continue to hold the needs of others, perhaps more susceptible than ourselves, at the forefront of our public-impacting decisions.

Susan A. Taylor

## No Big Kitty

The cougar the lady saw in her Greenbelt back yard a little over a year ago will not be returning this year. It was spotted back here in Pennsylvania, sedated, and taken to a wildlife rescue center. In a way, this turn of events is really quite sad because the big cat will not be able to visit and enjoy the proposed Greenbelt cat café. Life isn't always fair.

Shelva J. Angle  
Former Greenbelter



## Don't forget to set your clocks back on Sunday



## Clarification

The candidate forum reported on in the October 28 issue, hosted by GHI, was also sponsored by the Charlestowne Village Condominium HOA.

## Missing Paper?

The News Review thanks Tom Renahan for letting us know he didn't receive his newspaper so we could fix the problem. Let circ@greenbeltnewsreview.com know quickly if yours is a no show.

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SAT. 8:30 PM  
SUN. 5:30 PM  
MON. 2:30 PM

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TUES. 7:00 PM

## Noticed in Town



NASA Goddard joins the Little Free Library movement with their Take a Rocket Leave a Rocket program.

## Letters Policy

Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.



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Brother and sister enjoy a fall day at Greenbelt Lake (Rudy, age 5, and Lucia Pugliese, age 2 and a half.)



# Community Events

## Help Women, Girls Stand with Dignity

For many girls and women, bras and menstrual hygiene products are an unaffordable luxury. Without them, they face stigma as well as barriers to employment and education.

The Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom (GARF), a city recognition group, is holding a bra and menstrual product donation drive from Saturday, November 6 through Tuesday, November 30. Beneficiary organizations include the nonprofits Shepherd's Cove Emergency Shelter for Women and Children in Capitol Heights and "I Support the Girls," which coordinates the direct delivery of supplies on an as-needed basis to organizations serving women and girls.

Drop off new or clean, gently used bras of any size or type and new sealed menstrual products in the collection bins at the Co-op Supermarket, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center and the Youth Center throughout November. Stop by the Co-op on Saturdays, November 6 or 13, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to learn more about the drive and GARF. Donation receipts can be available.

For more information, email [greenbeltarf@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltarf@gmail.com). Those who prefer to make a monetary donation, can do so through I Support the Girls <https://bit.ly/ISTGxGreenbeltARF>.

## Bakery Offers Cookies To Golden Agers



Joyce Bailey says her chocolate chip pecan cookies are delicious.

Greenbelt Recreation Senior Programs has partnered with Janubi Devendra, director of marketing at Beltway Plaza, to help celebrate the Golden Age Club members' birthdays. Beltway Plaza is offering a \$5 gift certificate to Heaven's Bakery (inside Beltway Plaza) to Golden Age Club members during their birthday month. Members receive their choice of cookies up to \$5; if they go over the \$5, they would pay the difference.

Members will receive their certificate by mail or can pick it up from Rebekah Sutfin at the Community Center.

## GCAN County Action Plan Zoom Meeting

The November meeting of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, November 10, 7 to 9 p.m. The Zoom link is available at [chears.org/gcan](https://chears.org/gcan).

The meeting will be divided into two parts.

The first part will focus on the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. It has just been released for a month of public comment at [mypgc.us/climateactionplan](https://mypgc.us/climateactionplan). We will discuss what type of comments we want to submit, to make sure the county council accepts the plan and enacts necessary legislation.

During the second part, we will hear from representatives of the Energy Foundation Coalition. They have spent all summer in a process to narrow down select pieces of legislation to support in the upcoming Maryland General Assembly in January 2022. Potential bills fall into four categories: fossil fuel, buildings, transportation, and renewable energy. Learn what bills "won" in each category and discuss how GCAN can support this coalition as we lobby in Annapolis, beginning in January.


The meeting will close with an overview of upcoming events: [chears.org/gcan/monthly-meetings/upcoming-events/](https://chears.org/gcan/monthly-meetings/upcoming-events/).

For more info, or to suggest events that should be added to the calendar, contact Lore Rosenthal, [SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com](mailto:SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com), 301-345-2234 (landline, no text).


## New Porch At Large Collects Food by Address

The Porch Community food collection program in Greenbelt is being expanded to accommodate individuals who do not live in a neighborhood with volunteer pick-ups. This new program, Porch At Large (PAL), starts this week. Anyone who would like to make a non-perishable healthy food and/or personal hygiene product donation can email their address to [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com) before noon Sunday, November 7. Leave a donation on the front porch in bags or boxes marked PORCH or RUAK and it will be picked up at 4 p.m. on November 7. If the front porch is not visible from the road, place donations in a location that can be seen. Also, make sure to check the expiration dates on food items. To make this a regular monthly donation, indicate so in the email and it will be picked up on the first Sunday of each month at 4 p.m. Giving is Living.





The Rude Mechanicals in residence at Greenbelt Arts Center present:



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by William Shakespeare, directed by Erin Nealer

Use coupon code, "reopen" to get \$5 discount!

In person: Fri-Sun, Nov 5-7, 8pm. Tickets: \$12-\$24

[rudemechanicals.com](https://rudemechanicals.com) [greenbeltartscenter.org](https://greenbeltartscenter.org)

Coming Soon: Old-Time Radio Holiday Shows posted December 16.

## Porch Greenbelt Food Collection Schedule

Porch Greenbelt Food Collection is continuing its successful program to collect food in the month of November. Leave items out by 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 14 for Woodland Hills; by 11 a.m. on Sunday, November 14 at the 1 to 8 Courts Ridge, 1 to 8 Courts Crescent and 1 to 2 Courts Westway; between 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 21 for all of Boxwood Village; and between 9 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 27 for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill.

As a reminder, place donations in a box or bag labelled PORCH or RUAK on the front porch. If the front porch is not visible from the road, place donations in a location that can be seen. Also, make sure to check the expiration dates on food items.

This month's highlight is the 146 pounds donated by the Woodland Hills friends in October. Thank you to all the Greenbelt residents who have made donations. That work is making an important difference in the community. "If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one," said Mother Teresa.

Welcome to volunteers who would expand Porch Greenbelt to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt. Anyone with questions or interested in becoming a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Porch Greenbelt may contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com).

## Beltway Plaza Honors Billy Owens Smith, Jr.

There will be a Wall of Fame Induction Reception to honor Billy Owens Smith, Jr. on Friday, November 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. The Wall of Fame Hallway can be found at the TJ Maxx entrance to Beltway Plaza, 6000 Greenbelt Road.

The Beltway Plaza Merchants' Association will honor Billy Smith, in recognition of his years of service to the Greenbelt community as mentor to youth and friend to all. Among his many contributions to his fellow man, Billy was a longtime football, basketball and baseball coach for the Boys and Girls Club. To honor Billy Smith, his portrait and biography will grace the Wall of Fame because he was a true Hero in every aspect of the term.

Bring non-perishable canned or boxed food items or a financial contribution to the reception as an expression of respect for Billy's legacy to be donated to Help By Phone food pantry at the Greenbelt Community Church.

More information can be found at [beltwayplazamall.com](https://beltwayplazamall.com).

RSVP Janubi Devendra 301-440-1395 or [jdevendra@quantumco.net](mailto:jdevendra@quantumco.net). Masks are required.

## Mowatt Hosts Spaghetti Dinner

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church (MMUMC) will host its Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 13 from 5 until 7 p.m. The dinner will include garlic bread, salad, spaghetti with meat or vegetarian sauce and a dessert. Call the office at 301-474-9410 to reserve dinner. Dinner reservations must be received by Thursday, November 11 with pickup at the Ridge Road entrance.

That same evening, beginning at 7:30 p.m., MMUMC will host The Exquisite Hour concert. A kaleidoscopic collection of vocal and instrumental masterpieces composed by men and women from the Euro-American musical worlds will be featured. This live recital will be jointly presented by Oznur Tuluoglu (soprano), Joanna Choi (violin) and Jie Fang Goh (piano) from the University of Maryland. They are very excited to bring the wonderful music of Debussy, Poldowski, Schumann, Brahms, Bernstein, Grieg and many others to the hearts and minds of the Greenbelt community. In accordance with CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing will be required and seating will be limited for this event. A donation will be appreciated.

## Story Connections Planning Meeting

Connecting Across Greenbelt, a grass-roots multicultural, multiracial and multigenerational group of residents, gathers virtually to build relationships across neighborhoods and to learn about current challenges faced by all Greenbelters in various neighborhoods.

Moving into the holidays and for a little post-election healing, the group invites neighbors and residents to participate in a planning meeting to prepare for a virtual meeting about Exploring Traditions through Stories.

Join on Thursday, November 11 at 7 p.m. Check [connectingacrossgreenbelt.org](https://connectingacrossgreenbelt.org) for Zoom meeting information or email [communityconnectionsgb@gmail.com](mailto:communityconnectionsgb@gmail.com).

## At the Library

The Greenbelt Library resumed passport service on November 1, by appointment only.

### Storytimes

Ready 2 Read Storytime. Wednesdays, ages 3 to 5, 12:15 p.m., limit 15 people. Thursdays, ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 15 people. Come for stories, songs, finger plays and more. Pick up a ticket at the information desk. The sessions will be held outdoors by the upper-level entrance.

### Learning Resources

Brainfuse HelpNow offers an array of additional learning resources for Prince Georgians, including SkillSurfer, a library of lessons, videos, tests and more, and is available year-round. The Library also helps students prepare for standardized tests and writing college admissions essays through the EBSCO LearningExpress online resource. Prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT®, ACT®, SAT®, AP®, ASVAB, and more to advance higher education and vocational opportunities. Check the PGCMLS events calendar regularly for related programming, such as virtual career chats and conversations about the college experience.

The Greenbelt Library is open on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The Library offers unlimited browsing, computers for extendable one-hour sessions with no appointment needed, printing/scanning self-service, self-checkout, staff assistance at the circulation and information desks, book drop for returning items, study rooms (five small, one group) available for two-hour sessions per day and meeting room reservations for a fee.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.



## Greenbelt Access Television

### Nov 5, Fri – Nov 11, Thu

Verizon FIOS Channel 19 • Comcast 77  
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THIS WEEK ON GATE • Your Community Access Station		
7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	The Haleys - Roots, Turner Cemetery, and Unmarked
8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	GATe Classic Film Comedy/Romance • 1936	My Man Godfrey Carole Lombard • William Powell
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	The Haleys - Roots, Turner Cemetery, and Unmarked
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Greenbelt v Walker Mill Middle
2pm	Music at the New Deal	Episode Mix from Season 3
3pm	GATe Classic Film Comedy/Romance • 1936	My Man Godfrey Carole Lombard • William Powell
5pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Greenbelt v Walker Mill Middle
6pm	Greenbelt Newsreel	The Haleys - Roots, Turner Cemetery, and Unmarked
7pm	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
8pm	GATe Classic Film The Haleys	My Man Godfrey Follows FILM on the half hour
10pm	Music at the New Deal	Episode Mix from Season 3
11pm	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
MN	Greenbelt Newsreel	The Haleys - Roots, Turner Cemetery, and Unmarked

Connect with GATe    [www.greenbeltaccessstv.org](https://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org)

Greenbelt is Great!



# Greenbelt Cub Scouts Prepare to Scout for Food

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Callum Bedford-Dillow poses with his homemade box for food collection in Nov. 2020. The scouts pivoted to collecting via home-made drop boxes in Nov. 2020 due to the pandemic.

Scouting for Food is an annual effort of the Boy Scouts of America – one that has been ongoing since 1985. Many of you have seen scouts on neighborhood streets and doorsteps collecting non-perishable food for local food banks in November. Although it is now a well-established national program, it’s one that has a great local impact for those in need in our own community.

This year, as in others, Greenbelt Cub Scouts Pack 202 will be Scouting for Food in Greenbelt. Unfortunately, like last year, the scouts cannot go door-to-door; however, collection boxes will be placed at intersecting streets and courts and convenient neighborhood hubs. Be on the lookout for these boxes with some enthusiastic, scout-made signs, and help to fill them with non-perishable food for those less fortunate.

On the first weekend of November, collection boxes will be

appearing throughout Greenbelt. A map and list of locations will be forthcoming, and collection will take place on Saturday, November 13. As you make your grocery purchases, consider buying an additional can of soup or beans, or canned fish, meat, vegetables or fruit to give. Packaged goods like rice and pasta and sauces are also appreciated. Make sure your donations are non-perishable and not expired.

Anyone unable to get to a collection box can email the scouts for a donation pickup at their doorstep. Contact Anna with any questions about Scouting for Food at [annalouisebedford@gmail.com](mailto:annalouisebedford@gmail.com). Thank you for supporting the scouts in filling our local food banks.

# City OKs Options to Honor Its Centenarian Residents

by Matthew Arbach

Greenbelt residents who reach the age of 100 will now have this milestone honored by the city. On September 27, the Greenbelt City Council voted to award any willing centenarian a card signed by council and the city manager, a certificate, a choice of gifts (flowers or gift card) and the option of having a tree planted in their honor with an accompanying plaque in a location of their choosing. As well, with their approval, they can be named in a monthly section in the Greenbelt News Review and on other social media sites.

This was a joint motion by Councilmembers Judith Davis and Silke Pope, supported with ideas and inspiration from the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), Greenbelt CARES, the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) and Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor Rebekah Sutfin, staff liaison to the SCAC.

In a staff memo from Assistant City Manager Timothy George, some guidelines were: for any actions conducted close to the actual birthday, a piece of memorabilia should be incorporated, which the person’s loved ones would be able to retain even after the resident dies and that there be no pressure to hold a public event.

Sutfin and SCAC will be tasked with creating the list of approaching centenarians and implementing the program in conjunction with the city’s administrative staff. Sutfin is creating an online form for families to register their loved ones and record their choice of gifts and their preference regarding a tree planting.

Initially, Davis desired that the planting of a tree be an automatic

action, along with the card and certificate. However, Councilmember Emmett Jordan posited that this could be an option instead, citing that some individuals may not be interested.

Jordan’s idea was passed as an amendment by a 4 to 2 vote. With the amendment, the entire motion was passed unanimously.

Planting trees was a goal approved by the whole council, with Davis proudly citing Greenbelt’s canopy of 65 percent as of five years ago. Mayor Colin Byrd ended the discussion by stating the consensus opinion that, “I’d support any proposal to plant trees.”

In a separate interview, Sutfin noted, “We have two (centenarians) that celebrated in June and in August and one coming up later this month is going to be 103!”



Congratulations to Dora Kennedy French Immersion School for their excellent ranking by U.S. News and World Reports of #89 in Maryland Elementary Schools and #13 in Maryland Middle Schools. Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare their students for high school.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



## Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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During the pandemic, we gather VIRTUALLY for Liturgy of the Word Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For ZOOM link:

[FDeBernardo@aol.com](mailto:FDeBernardo@aol.com)

“...religion must be in conformity with science and reason, so that it may influence the hearts of men.”

– Bahá’u’lláh



Greenbelt Bahá’í Community

[www.greenbeltbahais.org](http://www.greenbeltbahais.org)

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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301-474-9410

Reverend Rivera, Pastor

In-Person Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

November 13, save the date Concert 7:30

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Saturday morning services at 10:00am

All services and activities are currently virtual

For further information, call (301) 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)

Affiliated with these movements: Conservative and Reconstructing Judaism



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[www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

November 7 10 a.m.

On Belonging

Rev. Ann Kadlec with Worship Associate Carol Carter Walker

Zoom video at <https://zoom.us/j/93495780708>

We humans have an innate need to belong. When this need is met, we are happier, more connected, and have greater resilience to stress and illness. How does being part of this Unitarian Universalist community foster your sense of belonging? And how might we nurture and grow our understanding of what it means to belong?

And, as always, if you have a joy or sorrow that you would like shared aloud during this service, please email it to [joys-sorrows@pbuuc.org](mailto:joys-sorrows@pbuuc.org) by noon on Friday.

**PLEASE DONATE**  
Scouting for Food is your local Boy Scout council's annual food-collection drive. Please watch for more information about how to help needy families in our community.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD  
A National Good Turn for America

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Christ-centered  
Biblical  
& Reformed

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am  
Sunday School 9:15am  
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm

101 Greenhill Rd. Greenbelt, MD  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

The Bible Says...  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.  
Proverbs 9:10

**MCF**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services  
10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School  
**MCFcc.org**

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
God is still speaking.

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
Whoever you are and wherever you are on your Spiritual journey, you are welcome HERE.

**This Sunday's Sermon on Facebook Live**  
Sunday at 10:15  
**Giving All-The Path to Freedom**  
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[www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org)

**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

- Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:15am\*, Sat 9am\*
- Sunday Mass:
  - Sat vigil 5pm\*
  - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
- Confessions Saturday 3pm – 4pm.

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**CELEBRATE WITH US**  
135 Crescent Rd.  
[www.sthughofgrenoble.org](http://www.sthughofgrenoble.org)



City Notes

Halloween fun included a party at Springhill Lake Recreation Center and, for Mom’s Morning Out preschoolers, trick-or-treating at Recreation buildings.

City Manager Nicole Ard, Planning Director Terri Hruby and Public Works Director Jim Sterling met virtually with County Councilmember Todd Turner regarding 51 Crescent Road flooding issues.

Refuse/Recycling collected 27.92 tons of refuse and 11.88 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental created an updated map of the Forest Preserves. Five picnic tables were supplied for a Girl Scout event at the Community Center.

The Animal Shelter hosts four dogs, six cats, a kitten and a rabbit.

Community Center staff coordinated with Public Works on exterior painting and the Aquatic & Fitness Center hosted Fire/EMS Water Training.

Park rangers facilitated CHEARS and Golden Age events at Schrom Hills Park.

Therapeutic Recreation celebrated Greenbelt’s centenarians; the most senior, at 103 years old, received an honorary tree. Meals were delivered to 21 seniors.

At the October Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program Flu Clinics, 284 people were vaccinated.

TheBus Route 11 Resumes Service

TheBus Route 11 resumed operation last week, again offering another transit option to Greenbelters on weekdays. The route loops through Greenbelt East and then passes through central Greenbelt and past the Federal Courthouse on Cherrywood Lane before heading to the Greenbelt Metro Station, retracing its route on the return. The route is run at 30-minute intervals between about 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays except on most federal holidays (see princegeorgescountymd.gov/3429/Route-11 for the route map and schedule).

Rides on TheBus, which is operated by Prince George’s County, are free for youth ages 5 to 18, adults aged 60 and over, persons with disabilities and Medicare card holders with a valid photo ID. The fare is \$1 for other adults, payable in cash or with a Metro SmarTrip card. See princegeorgescountymd.gov/1121/Fares-Rules for more information. Face masks must be worn by all riders.

Another TheBus route through Greenbelt, the 15X, has not yet resumed operation. TheBus Route 16, which runs between the Greenbelt Metro Station and the New Carrollton Metro Station, has operated throughout most of the pandemic.

The Bus

Seniors, Children with School ID  
& Customers with Disabilities

RIDE FREE



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Organizational Meeting of 44th Council  
and Charter Meeting

Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7:00pm

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

COMMUNICATIONS

- Certification of Election Count - City Clerk
- Oath of Office - Council Elect - by Mayor Byrd
- Election of Temporary Chair
- Election of Mayor
- Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Elected Mayor
- Statement by Mayor
- Election of Mayor Pro Tem
- Statement by Mayor Pro Tem
- Statements by Members of Council

OTHER BUSINESS

- Other Business

COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL

Cablecast on  
Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and [greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Resident participation: Information will be posted on  
Meetings Calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov)

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use Video Relay Services (VRS) at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 4–12

Thursday, November 4 at 7:00pm, **SPECIAL MEETING/ CLOSED SESSION – CITY MANAGER EVALUATION**,  
See Official Notice below

Monday, November 8 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, On the Agenda: Review Minutes, Advisory Committee Liaison Reports, Committee Initiated Discussion

Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00pm, **MAGLEV TASK FORCE MEETING**, On the Agenda: Open Discussion, Updates, Brainstorming Ways to Build Support for the “No Build” Option

Wednesday, November 10 at 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION – PRICE GEORGE’S COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at [greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Thursday, November 4, at 7:00pm virtually by Zoom, to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be the performance evaluation of the City Manager.

\*The public may attend the Special Meeting prior to the closed session, and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Thursday, November 4th, 2021.

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Assistant to the City Clerk

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301-474-8000

VOLUNTEER AT THE ART AND CRAFT FAIR

December 3–5  
Greenbelt Community Center  
and Youth Center

Help welcome back the artists and guests!

Sign-up online at <https://bit.ly/3bx9E8v>

Ceramic bells by Cathy Hoover Groen

VOLUNTEER TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Saturday, November 6  
10:00am–1:00pm  
Greenbelt Forest Preserve

Help maintain and improve a portion of the trail system in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to perform general trail maintenance activities. Masks will be required at all times.

- Bring a reusable water bottle
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
- Students: Bring community-service forms
- Volunteers must register in order to participate
- Limited to 25 volunteers

To register, contact  
Environmental Coordinator  
Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at  
[kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov)

NOVEMBER FREE HOLIDAY FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION

Monday, November 22  
1:00pm–4:00pm  
Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
6101 Cherrywood Lane

Register by Friday, November 5, 5:00pm at: [forms.gle/aHaun7KDZ58VWBqk7](http://forms.gle/aHaun7KDZ58VWBqk7) or call 240-542-2033

MASK REQUIRED TO ENTER THE BUILDING

Registration and proof of Greenbelt residency required. One box per family.

ATTENTION Greenbelt Residents!

Please complete our Community Questionnaire  
[greenbeltmd.gov/survey](http://greenbeltmd.gov/survey)

ANIME CLUB

Tuesday, November 9  
6:00pm–7:30pm  
Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Anyone who is interested in the Japanese art form of anime is welcome. Members will watch and discuss current and classic Anime series. The club will provide a safe and enjoyable environment for those that like and appreciate Anime.

View the Fall Activity Guide at [greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) to register or learn more!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Thursday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of November 8

Monday Route – Collected Monday  
Tuesday Route – Collected Tuesday  
Wednesday Route – Collected Wednesday  
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance, metals, hard plastics, or yard-waste collections on Friday, November 12.

ELECTION UPDATE

See results on page 1.



# All That Jazz Art Reception Ramps Up New Deal Season

by Cathie Meetre

The first art show reception organized by Friends of the New Deal Café Arts since Covid-19 began was greeted with enthusiasm by a crowd of about 30 gathered Sunday, October 31 in the New Deal. Outstanding Citizen and Art Coordinator Shaymar Higgs, stylishly dressed for Halloween as Spiderman, welcomed the audience.

The theme was All That Jazz and musical instruments, bands and solo players featured in about 15 varied works. Most artists were present, ready to discuss their work and their lives as artists. In talking with them, a theme emerged: their drive to create.

Multiple stories emerged: a daughter originally deflected from a career in art by her jazz-aficionado, engineer father (Barbara Joann Combs). A nurse, who after a 40-year career in healthcare took an art degree at the Corcoran and now works in her studio five days a week (Delia Mychajluk) and a National Geographic photo lab technician who, after a career enhancing the photographs of others, took up the camera himself (Warren Wilson). Most exhibitors had a formal art education earlier or later in their lives – but all have an irrepressible artist within.

The jazz music theme informed most of the show’s pieces – the saxophone with its voluptuous curves taking the melody line in several. Mychajluk’s Saxophone Player, seen close, invited touch. Made of fine steel wool and perhaps 30-plus inches high, the stylized figure with its bellying sax projected from its backing by as much as half an inch of crushed wire. First attached with an acrylic medium, the steel wool was painted with oils for color and clear urethane to limit rusting. Mychajluk plays tenor, alto and soprano saxophone herself so knows of what she paints. Her most recent acquisition is the soprano sax, which she says is the most demanding to play, but the instrument portrayed in her work is a muscular and dominant tenor, and it’s not clear who’s playing whom.

Barbara Combs showed three paintings from a series of about 80. All are begun, she says, with realistic sketches, and the works diverge stylistically as they progress, becoming more abstract – some, like Blue Jazz IV, remaining stark and emphasizing graceful black-and-white curves with a single splash of color. Others become a combination of monochrome lines and a single broadly used emphasis color – like the gold of the saxophones in her piece called 3 Tenor Gold. Combs is intrigued by cubism – and Jazz String Fuchsia extends her original realism with colorful planes and complexity of form in what she calls a “simplified” cubist approach. In her career teaching art to all age groups, Combs followed up an early B.A. in visual arts with a several years later master’s degree in community art from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. She is a Greenbelt resident who teaches art to lucky students at Gaywood Elementary in nearby Lanham-Seabrook.



This piece by Barbara Combs is another in the series of jazz-related works shown at the New Deal Café.



David Ralph's Delta Blues

David Ralph, showing his watercolor Delta Blues, was another artist whose nine-to-five job enables his life in art. He described how he embodies the underlying geometric relationships among the members of a New Orleans style blues quartet, incorporating these dimensions through color and line as additional insights into a recognizable, but abstract, underlying scene. The result is a fusion of line, curve and color that conveys a sense of motion and mood. A range of soft blues and purples, golden highlights and emphasized geometry, results in a sophisticated riff on the blues theme. Ralph lives in Greenbelt and has a booth at the College Park Farmer’s Market.

Three photographs caught the eye. Warren Wilson, going from darkroom to digital in his photo technician career with National Geographic, agreed their genesis was purposeful not extemporaneous. A bass player is silhouetted against synchronized photographic flashes set at an angle behind him. The flash, in blue and magenta, evocatively illuminates the brim of a hat here, the outline of a hand, the pegs of the double bass there – quintessentially jazz. The dark background of the photo makes the soft edges of the blue and magenta shading expand slowly into focus as the eye adjusts to the dark palette – back-lit on a screen, this spare luminosity would be even more striking. A second photo is

Funky Bass, where the camera is moved with the shutter open to create an image of a bass guitar in motion – though the instrument is still and the motion is the camera. The third is a more conventional picture that vividly captures a banjo player at the Howard County Fair.

Robert Snyder, recently retired

See JAZZ, page 7

# County Case Rate Still High; Booster and Kid Shots Ready

by Cathie Meetre

County Executive Angela Alsobrooks’s Covid-19 news update reported on Friday, October 29 that Covid-19 cases continue to drop countywide though the rate is still considered “substantial” (50 to 99.9 per 100,000) by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). She quoted a rate of ~56 new cases weekly per 100,000 residents as of October 29, which is approaching a “moderate” rate of community transition – defined as fewer than 50 cases per 100,000. The update also reminded residents that the indoor mask mandate remains in place for all individuals over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status. Prince George’s County’s population is about 56 percent fully vaccinated and 62 percent have received at least one dose.

## County by County

In the Vax Pack lead statewide are Howard and Montgomery Counties with 73 and 70 percent of their populations fully vaccinated. Not surprisingly, given its lower percentage of vaccination, Prince George’s has a higher per capita rate of both infections and deaths than either Montgomery or Howard (with one exception – read on ... ).

Percentage reported total cases per capita are: Prince George’s 11.0, Montgomery 7.8 and Howard 6.8. Percentage of reported total cases resulting in death are Prince George’s 1.7, Montgomery 2.0 and Howard 1.2. In this latter area, the Montgomery/Prince George’s relationship is different because those who did get Covid-19 in Montgomery County were apparently slightly more likely to die of it. Cold comfort.

## Greenbelt Stats

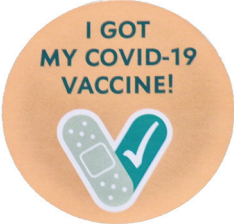
For the 20770 zip code, the past week through October 28 has seen a total of 21 new cases – a weekly rate per 100,000 population of ~11, right on the borderline between moderate and low community transmission by the CDC definition. So far, 20770 has had just over 2,400 cases pandemic-long, meaning that Greenbelters are fairly typical of the county population as a whole with about 11 percent having tested positive.

## Boosters

County residents who are eligible for booster shots of either Pfizer or Moderna vaccine include those 65 years of age and older and those 18 or older who are in long-term care, have underlying medical conditions or who work in high-risk settings. To qualify, recipients must be at least six months past the date of their original Pfizer or Moderna shots. Individuals over 18 who received the J&J vaccine are eligible for a booster two months after receiving their original shot, and may select any brand of vaccine for the booster. For more information, check out mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine.

## Shots for Kids

The Health Department will begin vaccinating the 5- through 11-year-old group as soon as all permissions from federal and state authorities are in place. Health department vaccination sites, doctors’ offices and pharmacies will all be giving shots. For more information see mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine.



## New Greenbelt Listings



19S Ridge Road  
\$225,000

A charming brick townhouse with enclosed porches in one of the most centrally located and charming courts in all of Old Greenbelt. Mini-splits, fresh carpeting, refinished floors and a galley kitchen with dishwasher.



OPEN SUNDAY 1-3  
24N Ridge Road  
\$185,000

Wide-style 2-bedroom end unit with stylish kitchen and bath updates, new energy-efficient through-the-wall AC unit and laundry machine, and a roomy shed, in a great in-town location that still manages to back to green space and community gardens. A special opportunity.

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Sat. Nov 6 & Dec 11, 10 AM -2 PM

Great for Your Holiday Table or as Gifts, just \$14 per roll

Sorry: no credit or debit cards

12420 Old Gunpowder Spur Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705

For more information, go to <https://stgregoryofnyssa.net>

## ST. HUGH’S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
and Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Crafts, Jewelry, Toys, Vendors, Door Prizes, Plants, Food,  
Baked Goods, White Elephant, Glassware and  
Silent Auction

St. Hugh’s Catholic Church  
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD



# Treasury Announces It Will Build BEP Plant on BARC

by Deanna Dawson

The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced that it will move forward to construct a Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) currency production facility on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). According to the Record of Decision (ROD) released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, on October 21, building the facility on the BARC site is the environmentally preferable alternative from among the alternatives considered, and Treasury has decided to implement it. The ROD also lists the mitigation measures that will be adopted to avoid or minimize environmental harm. The ROD, Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and supporting documents are available on the project website: [nab.usace.army.mil/home/bep-replacement-project](http://nab.usace.army.mil/home/bep-replacement-project). For a description of the currency production facility and the BARC site, see the article published in the Greenbelt News Review fol-

lowing release of the Final EIS ([greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20210610.pdf](http://greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20210610.pdf)). This decision was not a surprise because the EIS considered only two alternatives: to build a currency production facility on the BARC site or to not build a new facility. The existing currency production plant in downtown Washington, D.C., which the new facility will replace, was built in 1914 and cannot be modernized or expanded through renovation, so Treasury clearly wanted a new facility. And Congress has already authorized, in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, the transfer of this U.S. Department of Agriculture land to Treasury for the facility. Preparation of the site could begin before the end of this year, with construction expected to be completed in 2025. Treasury will gradually transition personnel and operations from the D.C. facility to the new facility, likely from 2025 to 2029.

# Legion Post Hosts Health Screenings

Residents living in and around Greenbelt can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will host this community event on Thursday, November 18. Screenings can check for the following: (1) the level of plaque buildup in arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health; (2) HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; (3) diabetes risk; (4) bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis; (5) kidney and thyroid function, and more. There is a fee for screenings; consultants will work with participants to create a package that is right for them based on age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit the website at [lifelinescreening.com](http://lifelinescreening.com). Pre-registration is required.



# GAC Begins In-person Plays with The Bard’s Cymbeline

by Jon Gardner



From left, Posthumus (Erin MacDonald), the Bartender (Joshua Engel) and Iachimo (Evan Ockershausen) in Shakespeare's Cymbeline

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will restart in-person plays with Shakespeare’s Cymbeline, performed by The Rude Mechanicals, GAC’s troupe in residence, and directed by Erin Nealer. The play will be performed at GAC on Friday through Sunday, November 5, 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. each night. Tickets must be purchased online in advance at [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org); both the audience and the cast will follow Covid-19 protocols. Cymbeline is the only Shakespeare play The Rude Mechanicals have never performed since their start 22 years ago, and it’s a perfect way to welcome back live theater. Join them for a sweeping fairytale complete with knights, long-lost princes, brainwashed kings and murder. Through it all, the clever Princess Imogen and her devoted husband Posthumus fight for true love, justice and truth. The Rudes have taken a page from The Princess Bride to capture the magic of Shakespeare’s text and included a narrator pair – a father and son – reading the story of King Cymbeline and his court. Cymbeline is one of Shakespeare’s final plays, and it will remind Shakespeare-savvy audience members of classic moments from his greatest hits. The

larger-than-life characters will draw in new Shakespeare fans as well. “Coming back to live theater after the past two years has felt like preparing for a party,” commented Nealer. “And you’re all invited! Cymbeline is all about feel-good fun, with an undercurrent of genuine warmth and human connection that I think we’ve all been missing lately. The cast and crew have pulled out all the stops, and I couldn’t be prouder of their creativity. GAC has been so welcoming and thoughtful about Covid safety, which makes it a real pleasure to throw open the doors and welcome you all back to the audience!” To attend the play, the audience must show proof of vaccination for Covid-19 and wear masks while in the theater. The actors have also been vaccinated and will wear masks on stage. Seating is limited to allow for social distancing in the audience, and tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information and to buy tickets, visit [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org). See the ad on page 3 for a discount coupon code. Future productions will include both in-person and online shows as GAC slowly transitions back to a regular schedule.

# JAZZ continued from page 6



Shaymar Higgs, left, stands with artists at the All That Jazz show. From left, artists Delia Mychajluk, David Ralph, Robert Snyder, Barbara Combs, William Moats and Warren Wilson stand in front of Mychajluk’s painting.

as a county schools art teacher and living in Greenbelt, showed a painting of an accordion player in the Plaza de San Paola Giovanni in Rome, based on his photograph from the 1980s. It reincarnates a busker caught in a 40-years-ago-moment, smiling and swaying to the rhythm – cap at a jaunty angle and plaid shirt open at the neck. Snyder studied studio art and art history in college and later completed an M.A. in art education at the University of Maryland. Greenbelter William Moats admitted that his two submissions weren’t linked closely (or

possibly at all) to music, but his two collages fit right in. Blending strips of other watercolor paintings which collectively created a tranquil abstract scene, they drew the eye to a focal point of more intense shading and complexity. Moats attended college as a budding artist and remains one still, having acquired degrees in art, anthropology and counseling psychology along the way. The show is no longer available for viewing at the New Deal. The artists have websites on which these and other examples of their work may be viewed.

Barbara Combs: [CreatedbyBarbara.com](http://CreatedbyBarbara.com)  
Robert Snyder: [rlsnyder04@yahoo.com](mailto:rlsnyder04@yahoo.com)  
Warren Wilson: [Warren-Wilson-photos.com](http://Warren-Wilson-photos.com)  
David Ralph: [marcoimage.com](http://marcoimage.com)  
William Moats: [Saatchi.com](http://Saatchi.com), search on Moats  
Delia Mychajluk: [gatewayopenstudios.org/delia-mychajluk](http://gatewayopenstudios.org/delia-mychajluk)





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**10-2 Sunday.**  
**Parking lot by Roosevelt Center**  
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# Trunk-or-Treat Finds Shelter on a Rainy Day



Three-and-a-half-year-old Alessia and father Darian participate in Trunk-or-Treat at Beltway Plaza.

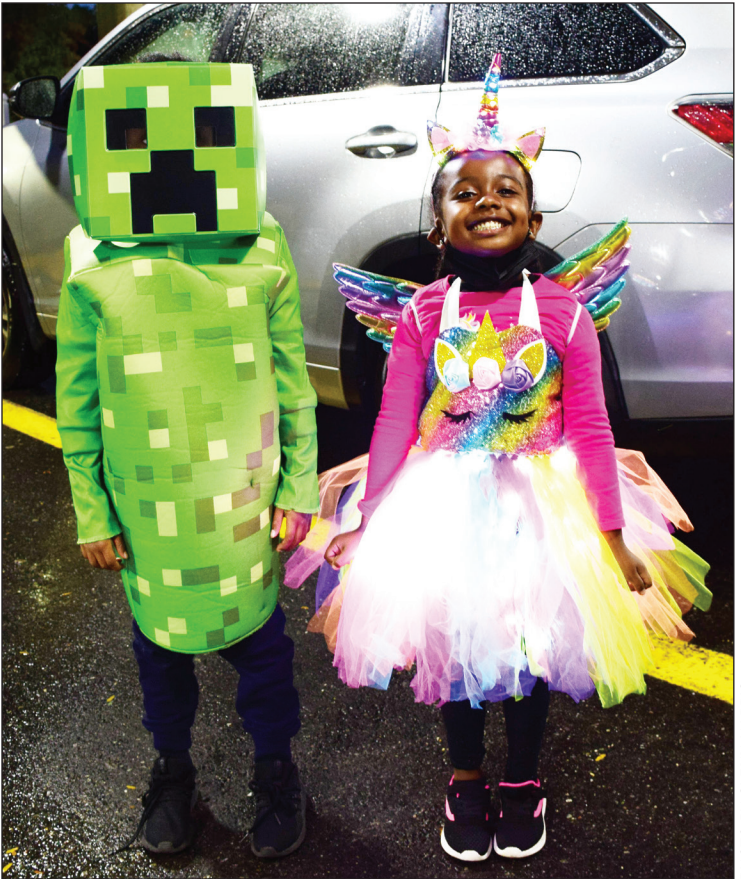
Trunk-or-Treat with the Greenbelt Police Department took place in a deluge on Friday, October 29 and brought an outstanding turnout. Young people and their adults lined up under the north parking garage at Beltway Plaza for their chance to connect with the many joyful hosts of different decorated trunks, from a Greenbelt Fire Department ambulance to police cruisers. Jointly hosted by Greenbelt Police Department, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Franklin Park Apartments, with support from Mission BBQ, the Trunk-or-Treat event was originally scheduled to take place outside the Franklin Park leasing office. With the threat of inclement weather, the event was moved to the parking garage with short notice, thanks to the support of Beltway Plaza who provided the space. Small (and not so small) costumed people waited their turn to do a little trick-or-treating, collect a pumpkin and enjoy the excitement of the crowd. Trunk-or-Treat takes place in different locations around Greenbelt each year. Last year’s was held at Schrom Hills Park while the previous year it was held at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.



Pirates attack at the Trunk-or-Treat on October 29



Residents celebrate Trunk-or-Treat in a covered parking lot in Beltway Plaza.



Glitter, lights, and video game characters abound.



Greenbelt emergency medical technicians set up a spooky display at the Trunk-or-Treat event on Friday, October 29.



Monsters and heroes attend Trunk-or-Treat.





WORKING TOGETHER...

Rental Assistance Fair 2: November 16th and 17th.

Following our successful October Rental Assistance Fair, we are again partnering with the Prince George’s County Office of Community Relations for a two-day rental assistance event on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

The first fair assisted an additional 61 residents who took advantage of the on-site support provided by the Prince George’s County staff. Residents were also able to apply or request status updates to pre-existing applications for rental assistance.

Prior to last month’s fair, we documented 205 pending ERAP applications for rental assistance. These were initiated by Franklin Park as the landlord, as well as our residents, who with team members

**October 19-20 Rental Assistance Fair Success**

- **Additional 61 Residents assisted– others since!**
- **On-site county and bi-lingual help with requests**
- **Door-to-door, email and phone outreach**



Ashley Robinson- Accounting Relations Manager, with bilingual team members Bianca Garcia and Lessly Escobar, two of seven team members who assist residents with rental assistance application filing providing one on one assistance, were able to complete their individual applications.

We are able to achieve positive results by identifying residents who are in need of assistance. We email, call, and visit resident homes door to door to advise about the availability of the benefits to meet current rent obligations. We have posted instructions in both English and Spanish throughout the community, our social media outlets, and website providing information on where and how to seek assistance in completing requests for financial support.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Franklin Park, a 2877-unit apartment community housing more than 10,000 residents, has assisted more than 500 families who have suffered the ill effects of the COVID-19 crisis. As our community continues to struggle with the effects of the COVID pandemic, we recognize the financial, emotional, and

even physical toll that evictions inflict upon residents. In that spirit, we do everything possible to work collaboratively with residents who are experiencing hardship and will only pursue eviction as an absolute final resort for those who decline to

communicate with our team and fail to take advantage of available resources.

*I am in tears. Thank you so much. I’m working again and so is my daughter and we will be able to pay November rent on time. This was the biggest burden on me and now I can truly start over. Sincerely, -J.*

Franklin Park made a commitment to our residents, the City of Greenbelt, Prince George’s County and the State of Maryland, to pause eviction proceedings for residents with pending ERAP applications and to work closely with ERAP program directors to expedite funding decisions.

We have worked very hard to keep our residents and their families in place throughout the pandemic and it is our top priority to continue to find ways to keep our families housed within our community.

This reflects not only the Franklin Park way, but the Greenbelt Way.



We partnered with Prince George’s Council Member Todd Turner’s office, RUAK, St. Hugh’s Church and Reid Temple AME Church for monthly food and basic necessity distributions.



Derek E. Davis, PG County’s Deputy Director Of The Office Of Community Relations with Community Manager Denise Knight at the October Rental Assistance Fair.

*Ms. Robinson, You and The Entire Franklin Park Team Went Beyond The Call Of Duty To Make This Positive News Happen. We Appreciate Ya'll Beyond Measure. Thanks A Million. -S*



## ORIENTEERING continued from page 1

are applicable to any orienteering course on the globe. Right?

As it happens, I’ve known legendary Greenbelt orienteerer and Quantico Orienteering Club member David Alexander for many years, so I sent him an email to see if he’d let me tag along with him to an upcoming event. The club had one scheduled at Patuxent River Park on October 31, and we joined up as a team of four: David, his wife Rachel, me and Amy Hansen, another longtime buddy.

As we drove to Upper Marlboro, David provided some basic instruction in what orienteering maps look like, including that the north indicated on orienteering maps is magnetic north, not true north, delightful news which meant we could trust our compasses. I, of course, don’t have a compass but David and Rachel have plenty and lent me one for the day. As David reviewed with us how to use them before we started, I ran into a little user error.

“Mine doesn’t work,” I said. “Hold it flat,” David explained. I held it flat. Then I held it flatter, and lo and behold, it did indeed work. I could hear David telling Amy something about numbers and a dial, so I interrupted again. “Mine doesn’t have numbers,” I said.

There was, perhaps, a gentle sigh from David’s direction. “Turn it over.”

“Oh.” I turned it over. “Hey! There are numbers!”

If I had to summarize orienteering, I would say that it is running (or, in our case, ambling) through the woods, using a map and a compass for guidance, to get to set stations, called controls, in the right order and to complete the course. Orienteering events like the one we did have multiple courses at different levels so participants can choose the difficulty that is best for them. David signed us up for the yellow course, the second easiest, which would cover a distance of just over three kilometers, about which I felt no small relief. I wasn’t sure I had a 10-mile day in me, but three kilometers? I could definitely walk three kilometers (1.86 miles).

The basic tricks to orienteering are to know how to read an orienteering map and how to use a compass. Orienteering maps notably contain contour lines, which are a great way to figure out into what hellish gully you are about to wander and, more importantly, help you identify land features by which to orient yourself. The compass has a bunch of numbers on it, which, given that I’ve just looked this up on Google, I can tell you are called “degrees.” By figuring out where north is, you can then figure out what direction – which degree – you need to head toward to get to the next control.

The four of us strolled along through the woods, occasionally on a path, occasionally over branches, brambles, logs and other of nature’s detritus and sometimes walking face-first into spiders’ webs, which given that it was Halloween, seemed ghastly appropriate. We got slightly lost when I ill-advisedly declared that now was definitely the time to veer into the woods “in that direction” and I must have sounded confident enough that everyone



Faceplant!

PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN



From left, intrepid orienteers Kyla Hanington, Rachel Alexander, David Alexander and Amy Hansen complete the course.

PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON

believed me.

“That could have been bad,” David said, after 20 minutes when we’d finally found our way again, although he actually said something entirely different that is unprintable in the News Review.

“Happy to help,” I said. From then on, I kept my good ideas to myself, which meant we finished the course quite a lot faster than we might otherwise have done. And it’s a good thing; by the time we were done my pace could only be described as plodding. It took us two-and-a-half hours to complete that three-kilometer route. I only fell once, when I did an actual face-plant, but as I face-planted into wet leaves and spongy undergrowth I bounced right back up again. Bounced metaphorically.

“What part of orienteering is that?” my sister wondered, when I told her I’d done a face-plant and sent her a picture Amy had taken to mark the occasion (after ensuring I was all right, of course). “Are you looking for animal tracks, ground-water levels, or moss patterns? I don’t

remember this part from Girl Guides.”

It turns out orienteering is a fantastically good time. Amy described it as both a physical and a mental challenge and while that indicates it is in no way a sport I should ever do on my own, it is also a pretty much perfect description. We passed other people in the woods and to a one, they were friendly and good-natured. David and Rachel were gentle, encouraging, informative hosts, keeping us safe and on the right track. I loved it so much I asked David if I could join him again, and I have plans to do Quantico Orienteering Club’s January 2 event in Greenbelt Park. I figure by then I will have recovered enough from this event that I will be able to get off my bed and try another one. After all, now that I know how to use a compass, what could possibly go wrong?

To learn more about orienteering and the Quantico Orienteering Club, visit: [qocweb.org](http://qocweb.org). Register for the Greenbelt Park event on January 2 here: [qocweb.org/events/2022/1/2/greenbelt](http://qocweb.org/events/2022/1/2/greenbelt).



David Alexander punches in at the start while Kyla looks on.

PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

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from around the world that explore civil rights, human rights, historic preservation, LGBTQ issues, artists and artworks, the revolutionary era of poets Shelley and Keats, a militiaman’s mindset and assorted other compelling and timely subjects – like germs.

Beating Super Bugs: Can We Win? This is a film that investigates antibiotic-resistant bacteria, dangerous “super bugs” that threaten world health, according to the experts in this disturbing film.

Another important movie – Who Cares About DC? – examines the historic battle for congressional voting rights by District of Columbia residents and their leaders. Director Stephen Kolb will be on hand to take questions about his film, which features activists who continue to battle for fairness.

Several other films look at civil rights. A Date With History documents the 1955 arrest of a Black woman and a White man at a Miami, Fla., hotel for violating the city’s strict segregation laws. Unmarked, co-directed by Chris Haley, documents ongoing efforts to find and preserve unmarked African American burial sites scattered across the South. Haley will be on hand to take questions after the screening.

Sheer Qorma, an Indian film, explores belonging, acceptance, identity and family, as queer Muslim women and non-binary

characters of color embrace tolerance and love.

The Militiaman takes place in the hills of rural Pennsylvania, where the leader of a local militia must prepare his men for the turbulent political landscape of 2020 while warring with his own conscience.

Utopia annually screens works that creatively explore the personal, social, political, cultural and environmental issues that challenge humanity’s never-ending quest for a better world. The event takes its name from Greenbelt’s historic New Deal origins as a community dedicated to “the uplift of the human spirit,” in First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt’s words.

That spirit was reflected in 1975, when Japan gave 53 priceless bonsai trees to the United States in honor of the nation’s upcoming Bicentennial. One of this year’s most charming films, Bicentennial Bonsai: Emissaries of Peace, uses archival footage and interviews to tell this unusual and utopian story. Directors Paul Awad and Kathryn O’Sullivan will answer questions about their film.

For more festival information, trailers, synopses and ticket information, see [utopiafilmfestival.org](http://utopiafilmfestival.org).

*Susan Gervasi serves as deputy director of the nonprofit Utopia Film Festival, which has offered fine independent films to Greenbelt audiences since 2005.*



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# City Thanks Two Retiring Public Works Employees

by Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll

Two longtime City of Greenbelt employees retired in October from the Department of Public Works. David Gross and Ali Sillah have been regular fixtures on the facilities cleaning crew and with the department, 26 years and 30 years, respectively, as part-time and full-time employees. Gross, a longtime Greenbelt resident, was hired in 1991 to work on the cleaning crew. He moved between all the different crews before finding a permanent role back on the cleaning crew. After graduating from high school, Gross went to trade school to find his calling card but couldn't quite find the trade to put his stamp on. "It turned out to be cleaning," he said with a smile. After retiring, Gross plans to follow the advice of his 104-year-old aunt and go with the flow and spend time fishing with his six grandkids.

Sillah moved to Greenbelt in 1991 after leaving his previous job with a cleaning company to work with the Department of Public Works. Soft spoken and diligent with his work, Sillah exudes an aura of welcoming kindness as he goes through his day, always ready to say hello and wish you well. Building Maintenance Supervisor Richard



PHOTO BY JENNIFER STERLING

Ali Sillah and David Gross pose with Jim Sterling at their retirement party earlier this month. Sillah and Gross worked more than 30 years each at the city Department of Public Works.

Sorzano says, "Ali is very well liked, not only by the cleaning crew but everywhere he worked. He paid attention to the specific needs of employees and fulfilled them." Now that he is retiring, Sillah plans to move down to Charlotte, N.C., to spend time relaxing with family. When asked if there is anything he will miss, he said, "It's a nice place to work, the city is nice. I love Greenbelt."

Both Gross and Sillah came to Greenbelt looking for continuity and found it working for

the city. Over their long careers, they worked hard to keep the city's buildings clean. In their final years they were asked to go above and beyond to meet Covid-19 prevention standards to ensure the buildings were as safe as possible for the public and staff. The city and the Department of Public Works are incredibly grateful to have had Gross and Sillah as part of their team and wish them the best as they move on to their next phase of relaxing and spending time with family.

## Candy Handout



Hot dog and pizza of Generous Joe's hand out candy on Friday, October 29.



Friday's rain doesn't keep Roosevelt Center businesses, including Realty 1, from handing out Halloween candy.



Ghostbuster assists with the Halloween candy handout in front of Generous Joe's and Cedars of Lebanon.

- Photos by Linda Ivy



Humorous tombstones in central Greenbelt



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Construction worker Tobi adds to the Halloween chalk art at Greenbelt Station.



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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police).  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Armed Robbery

October 24, 10:25 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A man reported that he was robbed at gunpoint by six young men in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. They took the man’s personal property before they fled in a black SUV.

### Theft

October 21, 9:58 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. A package was taken from the porch of a home.

October 22, 11:55 a.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. A gray Btwin Rockrider bike outside of a business was stolen.

October 26, 10 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A package was stolen from the area behind a doorstep.

October 27, 8:50 p.m., Spellman Overpass. A white-and-black bicycle was stolen.

### Burglary

October 27, 1:49 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A window in a vacant apartment had been tampered with and damage to the apartment was found.

### Vandalism

October 21, 8:23 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. A patio door was damaged by a blunt object.

October 22, 5:31 a.m., 8200 block Canning Terrace. Homeowner Association property was vandalized.

October 23, 10:02 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A rock was thrown through an apartment window.

October 27, 6:07 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. A blunt

object broke a window of a residence.

### Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen and another one was recovered. A 2018 Nissan Sentra with Maryland tags 2EV2900 was taken on October 24 from the 9100 block of Edmonston Road. A black Honda Accord with Maryland tags 9EF2253 was taken from the 7600 block of Greenbelt Road, also on October 24.

A 2011 Buick Regal stolen from 6000 Greenbelt Road was recovered in the 8000 block of Cherrywood Lane.

Front tags taken from the 7800 block of Cloister Place were recovered the same day by Laurel City Police. Tags were also recovered in the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive.

Personal property was taken in the 7400 block of Greenbelt Road, 7800 block Mandan Road and 7200 block of Hanover Parkway (three vehicles) after windows were broken to gain access.

Nothing was taken in some instances.

## Animal Shelter Responds

This past week, staff responded to calls at 19 Parkway for an injured snapping turtle and at 8017 Mandan Road for an injured deer.

A dog-on-dog incident was reported at 5310 North Center Drive. Staff was called to Olive-wood Court because of a fox with mange.

# Panel on ERPO Program Hosted by Mishkan Torah

by Shalom Fisher

On Thursday, October 14, Mishkan Torah Congregation co-sponsored a Zoom panel discussion on Extreme Risk Prevention Orders (ERPO), formerly known as Red Flag laws. The goal of the program was to promote awareness and implementation of ERPO laws. ERPO laws have been passed in 19 states and the District of Columbia.

The ERPO law in Maryland allows for a law officer, health professional or family or household member to petition a judge to have a person denied access to firearms. Since the law took effect in 2018, Maryland courts have granted 989 ERPO orders. As an estimate of effectiveness, data gathered in Connecticut led researchers to believe that a suicide was averted in approximately one of 10 gun removal cases brought under the ERPO law. No equivalent statistics are available for Maryland; however, if the math is consistent across states, it is likely that approximately 100 lives have been saved from suicide in Maryland since its law was enacted.

The six-person panel on October 14 addressed 97 viewers from Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. On the panel were Josh Horwitz, executive director of Coalition to Stop Gun Violence; Leslie Parsons, assistant chief, Investigative Division, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department; Montgomery County Sheriff Darren Popkin; Delegate Kathleen Murphy, Virginia House of Delegates; Shannon Fratteroli, profes-

sor at Johns Hopkins University and director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy at the Bloomberg School of Public Health; and Quinita Garrett, director of Hotline Services at Baltimore Crisis Response, Inc.

In addition to reporting on the overwhelming success of the ERPO laws and their widespread support among the general public, the panel described the challenges that still remain in the implementation and application of the laws. Thirty states have yet to pass these laws. In the jurisdictions where the laws exist, they continue to be underutilized. Mental and medical health professionals, as well as the population at large, in many cases are unaware of the existence of the laws or how to

take advantage of them. In addition, some are daunted by the time required to generate and testify for ERPO petitions. Another factor at play in the underutilization of the laws is public distrust of law enforcement professionals who are called upon to apply the laws. The conclusion of the panel was that more education needs to be done about the existence of the laws and how to take advantage of them, and what the process looks like once the petition is granted.

For further information about the ERPO laws, here is a useful link: [templesinaidc.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/57/2021/10/Links-to-Further-Information-on-Risk-Protection-Order-Laws.pdf](http://templesinaidc.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/57/2021/10/Links-to-Further-Information-on-Risk-Protection-Order-Laws.pdf).

## Halloween Farmers Market



Edgar Allen Poe (aka Ian Blackwell Rogers) recites The Raven at the Farmers Market on October 31.

- Photos by Jon Gardner



The snow queen plays flute at the Farmers Market.

## CHEARS Offers Food For Life Class

Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) is sponsoring a nutrition and cooking class from the award-winning Food for Life Program, Foods to Fight Diabetes, developed by Physicians Committee of Responsible Medicine, on Saturday, November 13.

The program will be held at the outdoor “kitchen” of the Pavilion at Schrom Hills Park. Attendees will learn how to prepare some healthy, economical and delicious plant-based recipes.

The session will run from 4 to 5:15 p.m. The class will be led by Greenbelt resident Geraldine Adams, a certified Food for Life instructor.

Registration is required as space is limited. For more information, email [ghadamsrn@gmail.com](mailto:ghadamsrn@gmail.com).

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Sports

ERHS Volleyball Girls Win Five-set Thriller over Bowie

by Scott Fifield

Only four players on the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Girls Varsity Volleyball Team returned from the 2019 season and only one of those players logged significant time in matches that season. So after two poor matches against tough non-league competition and five easy wins in the league, the Raiders showed by early October and again on Monday, October 18, that they're a solid team.

Last week, the Raiders played three solid sets to defeat Charles H. Flowers High School. Early in the season, ERHS struggled against tall teams and Flowers looked imposing, but the Raiders controlled the match with tough serving (70 for 73 serves in) and slowly pulled away for a convincing and satisfying victory. That gave the team confidence for the October 18 match at undefeated Bowie High School. The Raiders could have crumbled after a terrible opening set. But give this team credit. They pulled together and won the second and third sets. With the sold-out gym getting louder and louder, Bowie fought back and forced a fifth set. The Raiders confidently jumped out to leads of 5-0, 7-1 and 9-2 for a convincing 15-7 fifth-set win. A wild celebration ensued with fans rushing out of the stands to join the fray.

ERHS now stands at 7-2, 7-0 in the county's 4A Conference with five matches remaining. Impressively, all of the players involved in the match against Bowie made significant contributions – the team definitely isn't a one- or two-girl show.



The ERHS volleyball team (white shirts) excels at serving and defense.

- Photos by Nyla Howell



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In honor of the new series, I Know What You Did Last Summer, those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma from November 1 to 12 will automatically be entered to win a trip for two to Hawaii, courtesy of Amazon Prime Video. All who come to give during November 1 to 23 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email, thanks to Amazon.  
The next local blood drive will be held on Friday, November 12 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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# Greenbelt Community Questionnaire 2021

At election time, residents are asked to take a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire. The information obtained will be useful to the newly elected City Council and City staff. Your confidential responses will be consolidated in a report for general distribution. If a question is not applicable, please leave it blank. Please place completed questionnaires in the box provided at the polling location or send it to the City Office at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. **You may also complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/communityquestionnaire...NO MAILING REQUIRED!>**

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Residency:

\_\_\_\_\_ Apartment

\_\_\_\_\_ Townhouse

\_\_\_\_\_ GHI

\_\_\_\_\_ Condominium

\_\_\_\_\_ Detached Single Family Home

2. Residency - Neighborhood

\_\_\_\_\_ Greenbelt East (east of Baltimore-Washington Parkway)

\_\_\_\_\_ Greenbelt West (west of Kenilworth Avenue)

\_\_\_\_\_ Center City (between Kenilworth & B-W Parkway)

3. Do you?

\_\_\_\_\_ Own

\_\_\_\_\_ Rent

4. Age:

\_\_\_\_\_ Under 18

\_\_\_\_\_ 45-60

\_\_\_\_\_ 18-29

\_\_\_\_\_ 61-74

\_\_\_\_\_ 30-44

\_\_\_\_\_ 75+

5. How many years have you lived in Greenbelt?

\_\_\_\_\_ Less than 1 year

\_\_\_\_\_ 1-5 yrs.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6-10 yrs

\_\_\_\_\_ 11-20 yrs.

\_\_\_\_\_ 21-30 yrs.

\_\_\_\_\_ More than 30 yrs.

6. Employment Status (Please check all that apply.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Full-Time

\_\_\_\_\_ Part-Time

\_\_\_\_\_ Unemployed

\_\_\_\_\_ Retired

\_\_\_\_\_ Stay at home parent

\_\_\_\_\_ Work from home

\_\_\_\_\_ Student

\_\_\_\_\_ Multiple Jobs

7. Where do you work?

\_\_\_\_\_ Greenbelt

\_\_\_\_\_ Prince George's County

\_\_\_\_\_ Baltimore

\_\_\_\_\_ Washington, D.C.

\_\_\_\_\_ Montgomery County

\_\_\_\_\_ Other

8. Please prioritize (1-3 your top three modes of transportation

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Automobile

\_\_\_\_\_ Metrorail

\_\_\_\_\_ TheBus

\_\_\_\_\_ Carpool/Vanpool

\_\_\_\_\_ MetroBus

\_\_\_\_\_ Taxi/Uber/Lyft

\_\_\_\_\_ Bicycle

\_\_\_\_\_ Walking

\_\_\_\_\_ Greenbelt Connection

\_\_\_\_\_ Other

CURRENT QUESTIONS

1. Are you using the new mail-in voting procedure this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, rate the ease of the process 1-5, (circle one) (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)  
Would you use the mail-in option again? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2.Do you support changing how the City is structured? An alternative to election of Councilmembers “atlarge”, the City would be divided into districts/precincts and/or a combination of district and at-large representation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Should Greenbelt residents who are not US citizens be allowed to vote in City elections? ☐ Yes ☐ No

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

\_\_\_\_\_ Police Presence

\_\_\_\_\_ Police Responsiveness

\_\_\_\_\_ Dispatcher Responsiveness

\_\_\_\_\_ Overall Police Performance

\_\_\_\_\_ Overall Police Employee Competence

\_\_\_\_\_ Police Attitude & Behavior Towards Citizens

\_\_\_\_\_ Animal Control

\_\_\_\_\_ Traffic Control

\_\_\_\_\_ Fire & Rescue

\_\_\_\_\_ Parking Enforcement

2. Do you have any concerns about safety and security within Greenbelt? If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. If you have contacted the Police in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Did the police employee assist you satisfactorily? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
☐ Don't Know

5. Please list any suggestions for improving police services, under General Comments #4

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

\_\_\_\_\_ Street Maintenance

\_\_\_\_\_ Street Lighting

\_\_\_\_\_ Street Cleaning

\_\_\_\_\_ Snow Removal

\_\_\_\_\_ Sidewalk Maintenance

\_\_\_\_\_ Crosswalks

\_\_\_\_\_ Bike Lanes

\_\_\_\_\_ Park Maintenance

\_\_\_\_\_ Refuse Collection

\_\_\_\_\_ Recycling

\_\_\_\_\_ Mowing/Flower & Tree Planting

\_\_\_\_\_ Building Maintenance

\_\_\_\_\_ Bus Stops

\_\_\_\_\_ Greenbelt Connection

2. If you have contacted Public Works in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous? ☐ Yes ☐ No

GREENBELT CARES /SOCIAL SERVICES

1.Have you or your family utilized any of the services listed below (#3) in the last 2 years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Did you know that the City provides the services below? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. If yes, please rate your satisfaction with the services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

\_\_\_\_\_ Counseling (individual, family or group)

\_\_\_\_\_ Crisis Intervention Counseling

\_\_\_\_\_ Tutoring

\_\_\_\_\_ Job Bank

\_\_\_\_\_ Babysitting Workshop

\_\_\_\_\_ GED Program

\_\_\_\_\_ Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program

4. If you plan to remain in your home as you age, which of the following might you require: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Online Advice & Support  
\_\_\_\_\_ Home Modifications  
\_\_\_\_\_ Activities for Homebound  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1st Floor Bathroom  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. How soon would you need these services? ☐ Now ☐ 1-3 Years ☐ 4-7 Years ☐ 8+ Years

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

1. Have you had contact with City Community Development/Code Enforcement Staff (inspection, permit, tall grass, structure complaint, etc.)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Was the Community Development/Code Enforcement employee polite and courteous? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Did the Community Development/Code Enforcement employee assist you satisfactorily? ☐ Yes ☐ No

GREENBELT MUSEUM

1. Have you or a member of your household visited the museum or attended a museum activity in the past 2 years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

EDUCATION

1. If you have school age children, please rate the schools they currently attend. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

\_\_\_\_\_ Greenbelt Elementary

\_\_\_\_\_ Springhill Lake Elementary

\_\_\_\_\_ Dora Kennedy French Immersion

\_\_\_\_\_ Magnolia Elementary

\_\_\_\_\_ Greenbelt Middle School

\_\_\_\_\_ Eleanor Roosevelt High School

\_\_\_\_\_ Home Schooling

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Using the same scale as #1 above, please rate the Prince George's School System overall. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please rank the following questions. (5=Strongly Agree, 4=Agree, 3=Neutral, 2=Disagree, 1=Strongly Disagree)

\_\_\_\_\_ The City should continue to provide Science & Reading Clubs

\_\_\_\_\_ The City should continue to provide grants to Greenbelt schools

\_\_\_\_\_ County taxes should be increased to fund education.

RECREATION

1. Please rate your satisfaction with any facilities which you or your family have used (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

\_\_\_\_\_ Aquatic & Fitness Center

\_\_\_\_\_ Athletic Fields

\_\_\_\_\_ Community Center

\_\_\_\_\_ Springhill Lake Rec. Center

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Center

\_\_\_\_\_ Parks

\_\_\_\_\_ Trails

\_\_\_\_\_ Dog Park

\_\_\_\_\_ Skate Park

\_\_\_\_\_ Playgrounds

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please rate your satisfaction with any activities which you or your family have attended: (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

\_\_\_\_\_ Fitness classes

\_\_\_\_\_ Pre-School classes

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth/Adult classes

\_\_\_\_\_ Camp programs

\_\_\_\_\_ Visual Art programs

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior programs

\_\_\_\_\_ Performing Art programs

\_\_\_\_\_ Aquatics programs

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Events (Artful Afternoons, Fall Fest, July 4th, Winter Lights Festival, Celebration of Spring, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please check any programs which you or a member of your household are likely to attend within the next 2 years. (Check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ Pre-school Activities

\_\_\_\_\_ Children's Afterschool Activities

\_\_\_\_\_ Children's Weekend Activities

\_\_\_\_\_ Children's Drop-In Activities

\_\_\_\_\_ Home School/School Enrichment Activities

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Recreation Activities – Weekends

\_\_\_\_\_ Drop-In Activities

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Classes or Leagues

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. How would you prefer to receive information about City programs and services? (Please rank in priority order 1-10; 1=top preference)

\_\_\_\_\_ Greenbelt TV

\_\_\_\_\_ Mail

\_\_\_\_\_ City Newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail

\_\_\_\_\_ Greenbelt News Review

\_\_\_\_\_ Facebook

\_\_\_\_\_ Youtube

\_\_\_\_\_ Posters/Flyers

\_\_\_\_\_ Radio

\_\_\_\_\_ Greenbeltmd.gov

\_\_\_\_\_ Post

\_\_\_\_\_ Facebook

\_\_\_\_\_ Local TV News

\_\_\_\_\_ Washington Post

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please rate your satisfaction with Greenbelt's efforts to publicize and broadcast official information and City events? \_\_\_\_\_ (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

3. Do you use the City's website at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If so, what for?  

\_\_\_\_\_ Watch Meetings

\_\_\_\_\_ Calendar

\_\_\_\_\_ Watch Videos

\_\_\_\_\_ Documents

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What services would you like to see on the City website? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you used the video streaming/on-demand section of the City website ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Have you watched any of the programming, including Council meetings, offered on the City's Municipal Access channel over the past 2 years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Do you watch the public access channel known as Greenbelt Access Television (GATe)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

CITY SERVICES & TAXES

1. How do you rate the value of City services and programs for your tax dollars? \_\_\_\_\_ (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

2. Are City services fairly distributed throughout Greenbelt? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Provide Comments under General Comments #4)

3. The City has limited ability to raise revenues other than through property taxes or fees. In light of this fact, would you support a tax rate increase in order to: Maintain current City services/programs ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Increase City services/programs ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Provide fair compensation to employees ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Participate in green initiatives (greenhouse gas reduction, solar power, battery powered equipment, etc.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. In general, should City services be (choose one): ☐ Kept at the same level ☐ Reduced ☐ Increased

5. If the City had to reduce services/programs, which ones would you suggest and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Describe what you like most about the Greenbelt community.  
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2. Describe what you like least about the Greenbelt Community.  
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3. Are there any improvements to the City or new City Programs you would suggest?  
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4. What improvements or new City programs could make the mail-in voting process easier to use, or entice you to use it next election?  
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5. Other Comments:  
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